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Subject: Objection to the settlement

As a member of the computing industry, I do not see how the proposed settlement even comes close to providing remedy for the antitrust violations committed by Microsoft. This company has continually removed competition using their OS monopoly, raised prices for inferior products, and forced consumers to pay for software that they do not use nor want. Despite this, the settlement fails to address these issues, nor any of the other issues they were already found guilty of in a court of law.

Although I understand that the events on 10/11 may cause some to think a quick settlement, no matter how weak, is a service to the country. I completely disagree. Forcing consumers to pay a Microsoft tax will do nothing to promote the economy. The proposed changes to their operating system will reinforce their monopoly, forcing consumers to pay even more charges for transactions that only Microsoft will be able to broker.

I urge you to reconsider this settlement now, before it is too late.

Sincerely,

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